

Commissioner - T  
Washington, D. C.

ITTP

Prohibitions on vessels engaged in trade with Cuba

A proposed Executive order relating to prohibition on vessels engaged in trade with Cuba has been propositioned for the signature of the President.

When signed, it will provide:

1. For closing of United States ports to vessels of countries with vessels carrying arms to Cuba.
2. For closing of United States ports to vessels carrying goods between Sino-Soviet Bloc and Cuba.
3. Prohibitions against entry into Cuban ports and carriage of Cuban goods by United States-flag vessels and United States-owned vessels.
4. Prohibition against United States Government sponsored shipments on vessels owned or controlled by persons with vessels carrying goods between Sino-Soviet Bloc and Cuba.

Enforcement of the terms of the order is assigned to (1) Secretary of Treasury, (2) Secretary of Commerce, and (3) agencies and departments of the United States Government financing shipments of goods. This includes GSA.

Enforcement of the terms will be effected by requiring signed certificates from owners or charterers in which it is certified that they have not engaged in the carriage of goods in violation of the conditions of the order.

The Secretary of the Treasury will provide the blank certificates to be used in the above certification.

The Secretary of Commerce will compile, keep current, publish, and regularly furnish the Secretary of the Treasury with lists of vessels, persons, corporations, or other associations not eligible for carriage of goods

The Secretary of the Treasury will enforce the terms of the order when vessels enter and depart United States ports.

TCS will enforce the terms of the order when arranging for ocean transportation originating in a foreign country and destined to (1) any port in the United States (import) and, (2) any port in any foreign country (offshore).

Each regional office engaged in arranging for ocean transportation shall obtain the list of ineligible persons, vessels, corporations, or other associations and an adequate supply of blank certificates, when they are available, from the Collector of Customs nearest to its office.

Procurement, contracting, and disposal officers should be advised that contracts or other agreements for the purchase or disposal of goods on a delivered basis requiring transportation either offshore or import into the United States should include a requirement for a signed certificate prior to shipment out of the foreign country of origin.

Exemptions to the terms of the order must be authorized by the Commissioner, TCS.

Signed copies of the certificates shall be forwarded to Commissioner - T, on Friday of each week, for forwarding to the Secretary of Commerce.

You will be advised of the effective date of the Executive order and provided a copy as soon as they are available.

The purpose of this memorandum is to alert the regions, since the scheduled effective date may not permit a complete understanding prior to application.

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Director - TTT

Director - TTC

Act. Director - TTR

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Official File. - TTTP

(signed) Robert B. Conrad

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